

Secretary of State's Blue Book Curriculum Task Force

- ***Are you interested in civics education?***
- ***Do you enjoy making civics and government fun for your students?***

The Tennessee Secretary of State's office is accepting applications from licensed, classroom teachers who are interested in serving on our **SOS Blue Book Curriculum Task Force**.

This task force, consisting of six teachers, will work with the Secretary of State coordinator of civic engagement and the Tennessee State Library and Archives education outreach coordinator to develop lesson plans and curriculum based off the *Tennessee Blue Book*, a resource for information on state government and civics. These materials must correspond with Tennessee's new social studies curriculum and information available in the *Tennessee [Blue Book](#)*. The group will also advise staff on other civics initiatives and teaching government and civics in the classroom.

The task force will be required to come to Nashville for a one day orientation to meet with staff and see the resources we have in our offices on February 27th, 2015. The creation of educational materials must be completed by June 30th, 2015. Members will be asked to create a total of two (2) sets of education materials. (For example, a set of materials could be a lesson plan and activities about how a bill becomes a law.)

For participation in the task force, members will receive:

1. \$100 upon completion of the session in Nashville, \$200 upon completion of the first set of education materials, and \$200 upon completion of the second set of education materials, for a total of \$500.
2. Mileage reimbursements, breakfast and lunch on Friday, and lodging available for Thursday night, February 26th, for the orientation meeting in Nashville to be held on Friday, February 27th, 2015.

Candidates must:

1. Be a resident of the State of Tennessee.
2. Be a teacher in a public, private, or parochial school located in Tennessee.
3. Teach US Government and Civics at the high school level or covering government and civics under social studies in grades K-8.
4. Have a minimum of two years of teaching experience in social studies.
5. Demonstrate a commitment to civics education.
6. Attend a one day orientation session in Nashville to be held on Friday, February 27th (mileage, meals, and lodging to be provided).
7. Commit to completing the education materials.

How to Apply:

Please send the following to Abby Sutton at Abby.Sutton@tn.gov or by mail to the Office of Civic Engagement, Tennessee Secretary of State, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Tennessee Tower 7th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243.

1. A brief letter of interest detailing your experience with civics education in your classroom.
2. Resume.
3. A sample of two lesson plans used in your classroom within the last two years about civics and government.

The deadline for application is January 23, 2015. Successful applicants will be notified by February 6th.

Questions? Contact Abby Sutton at 615-253-5778 or by email at Abby.Sutton@tn.gov.